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Land & Water Resources Committee August 13th, 2020 – 8:00 am Courthouse, Mauston WI

PRESENT: Rodney Seamans, Chair, Joe Lally, Scott Wilhorn, Chris Zindorf, FSA Rep. Jim Raese

1. Meeting called to order by chair, Rodney Seamans, at 8:03 am

2. MINUTES

Motion by Wilhorn seconded by Zindorf to approve the minutes of July 9th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

3. NRCS- Sarah Fleck

- Update on Cattail Farms/Voltz construction, and Fangmann/Powers seeding/fencing
- 20 CRP status reviews completed and 21 CSP contracts funded
- Still obligating EQUIP contracts for cover crops, grazing, erosion control projects
- Working on grazing, stream crossing and erosion control designs
- Golden Sands advertisement is out for a Mauston soil conservationist

4. FSA – Jim Raese

- The doors of the office continue to stay locked due to Covid 19 but face to face meetings outside can be scheduled by appointment.
- Crop reporting deadline is Friday, August 14th, 2020. After crop reporting is complete FSA
 will be wrapping up other programs prior to the fiscal year farm records rollover in
 September
- Sign up for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) ends August 28th, 2020. Persons that have eligible crops, livestock, milk pounds or specialty crops must apply by the deadline
- The vacant Program Technician position has been filled. There is no official start date at this point but are aiming for the end of August.

5. VOUCHERS - Dustin Ladd

• Update on vouchers paid

6. LCC TRAINING-Committee

• Discussion of training for the Land Conservation Committee

7. GOLDEN SANDS RC&D PAYMENT - Dustin Ladd

Discussion of payment of dues from Juneau County to Golden Sands RC&D
 *Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Lally to include the County dues to Golden Sands RC&D in the 2021 Land & Water budget. Motion carried.

8. STREAM GAUGING 2021-Dustin Ladd

• Discussion of proposal from USGS for continued stream gauging in the Lake Redstone Watershed. Possible funds being contributed from MDV funds, Sauk County and the Lake Redstone Protection District

*Motion by Wilhorn, seconded by Zindorf to continue funding in 2021 for stream gauging. Motion Carried.

9. MANURE COMPLAINT-Dustin Ladd

• Discussion of manure complaints with the committee. Citation letter to be sent to David Lasker for review before being mailed to producer

*Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Wilhorn to send letter of citation to producer. Motion carried.

10. BUDGET 2021-Dustin Ladd

- Discussion of the Land & Water 2021 budget
- Update about placing a Deer Dumpster at the Mauston Fairgrounds again this year and funding from the DNR, Outdoors Forever, and the New Lisbon and Camp Douglas Sportsman's Clubs

11. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE-Brian Goepfert

- Update given on a manure storage and a grassed waterway currently under construction
- Discussion of construction on natural gas pipeline in Juneau County

12. UAV-Chris Zindorf

- Discussion of implementing use of drone as a way to document environmental issues in Juneau County
- Discussion on the uses and restrictions that would be put in place and partnering with other departments in the county

*Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Lally to include purchase of drone in the 2021 Land & Water Budget

13. PRODUCER LED WATERSHED (CONSERVATION SIGNAGE)-Sarah Fleck

- Update given on the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant for 2021 which is currently being completed
- Discussion of informational signs about conservations projects in Juneau County being included in the 2021 budget

14. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS-Committee

 Discussion of bus tour for the Land Conservation Committee with the invitation open to the full county board for the September 10th meeting to show Land & Water projects completed in 2020

15. CLOSED SESSION-Committee

*Motion by Zindorf, seconded by Wilhorn to go into a closed session for employee evaluation. Motion Carried. *Motion by Wilhorn, seconded by Seamans to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

16. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-Committee

• Next meeting set September 10th, 2020 at 9:00 am Location: Mauston Courthouse